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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 19, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.